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Hamilton B District

Dear Worshipful Masters, Officers and brethren all,

The Grand Master released a 2nd lodge reopening update on March 01, 2022 allowing us to reopen our lodges and conduct degrees, in keeping with the Ontario government's Covid guidelines. In speaking with other DDGM's, other Ontario districts are in similar circumstances, a number of lodges cannot open due to their physical building layout or their landlord. Others are delaying due to brethren not being ready. A few will try to open, but now that it is March, will only enjoy a very limited number of nights to meet.

As a result, I am announcing that **all Official Visits for the current masonic year are cancelled.** Our concentration should be centred on getting lodges opened safely, dusting off the rust and reestablishing fraternal relations. In my opinion, it would be unfair to pressure lodges to prepare for an official visit after being shuttered for 2 years. I will be doing my best to attend lodges that are able to open in support. Should I be re-elected for the coming masonic year, we will be able to set out official visits on our return to normal. I truly look forward to it after a very quiet year as your DDGM.

I am pleased to share that Battlefield Lodge No.61, At. Andrew's Lodge No.62 and Wentworth Lodge No.166 have earned their 2020 Cornerstone designation. Grand Lodge has sent me your certificates. When I look at the very reduced list for Ontario, it is very understandable given the lockdowns, many lodges across Ontario were not able to complete the requirements in time.

Please keep your calendars open. We are working on a spring Golf tournament at Thundering Waters in Niagara Falls on Saturday May 14th. In an effort to bring the best bang for your buck, we are leveraging using an existing sports themed tournament to contain costs and have the ability to have great prizes and food.

We will be holding a A, B and C joint Devine service on Sunday May 1st at St. John's United Church at 7:30pm. It is located at 262 Randall St. in Oakville.

May the G.A.O.T.U look over you and the ones important to you.

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